

CHAPTER IV: OPERATING CREDENTIALS

Operating credentials can be divided into three categories:

- 1) Credentials Required at All Times
- 2) Additional Credentials Required at Registration
- 3) Special Credentials That May Be Required

Credentials Required at All Times

- Commercial Driver's License (CDL) (See Chapter III: Commercial Driver's License.)
- Vehicle Registration (Cab Card)
- Proof of Vehicle Insurance
- Special-Fuel Tax License (IFTA or Nevada-only)
- *Interstate Operating Authority*
 - U.S. Department of Transportation Identification Number
 - Motor Carrier Number (old ICC number)

Vehicle Registration (Cab Card)

All vehicles traveling in Nevada must be registered each year. However, truckers who plan little travel in Nevada may choose to obtain a trip permit instead of annual registration. (See Temporary Trip Permits in Chapter 1.)

Nevada's registration fee is based on declared gross vehicle weight (DGWV). Because there are fines for traveling overweight, truckers should declare the maximum weight at which they expect to operate when registering.



REGISTRATION FEE TABLE

Truck or tractor (DGWV):	
10,001 to 26,000 lbs.	\$12.00 for each 1,000 lbs.
26,001 to 80,000 lbs.	\$17.00 for each 1,000 lbs.
Trailers (empty weight):	
0 to 1,000 lbs.	\$12.00
1,000 lbs. or more	\$24.00

Prorate (Apportioned) Registration

Interstate truckers pay Nevada's registration fee based on miles traveled in Nevada. The percentage of miles traveled in Nevada during the year is multiplied by Nevada's registration fee. This is called prorate, or apportioned, registration.

You can apportion your travel in Nevada or other states through the International Registration Plan (IRP). Your fees are charged according to the mileage percentage traveled in each state and the fee structure in those states. If you are apportioning travel in other states, we recommend that you contact each state to verify their requirements.

Nevada registers on a calendar-year basis. Fees are reduced for *interstate* truckers who register after January. We reduce the fees by one-twelfth for each month that has passed.

Governmental Services Tax (Formerly Privilege Tax)

The Governmental Services Tax - 1.4 percent of each vehicle's depreciated value - must be paid at the time of registration. As with registration fees, this tax is apportioned based on the percent of miles traveled in Nevada.

Proof of Vehicle Insurance

General Liability Insurance

An operator must have a copy of the Nevada Evidence of Motor Vehicle Liability Insurance card issued by an insurance company authorized to do business in Nevada. The card must show the Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) or the words “Fleet Insured,” and the registrant’s name.

Cargo Insurance

Each motor carrier who is hauling cargo for hire shall maintain insurance to compensate for loss of, or damage to, property for the minimum amount of \$5,000. For more details please contact the Transportation Services Authority at (702) 486-3303 or (775) 688-2823.

Special-Fuel Tax License

A Special-Fuel User’s License is required for operators of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight exceeding 26,000 pounds. An IFTA license and IFTA decals are required for *interstate* vehicles; *intrastate* vehicles need a Nevada license but no decals.

The following are exempt:

- Operators who make occasional trips into Nevada for service, repair, and nonprofit or charitable purposes.
- Operators of house coaches and unladen vehicles purchased within Nevada for transport out of the state.

For more details about, or applications for, special-fuel user’s licenses, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 Ext. 1, the DMV website at www.dmvnv.com, or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA)

IFTA is an agreement among states to simplify the reporting of fuel taxes by *interstate* motor carriers. A carrier only needs to open an IFTA fuel tax account with its base state, and the account is good in all states. Also, the carrier enrolls vehicles as a fleet, instead of enrolling individual vehicles.

IFTA covers operations of *interstate* commercial vehicles and combinations which:

- Have two axles and a registered gross vehicle weight more than 26,000 pounds.
- Have three or more axles regardless of weight.
- Are used in combination when the weight of the combination exceeds 26,000 lbs.

Licensing Under Nevada IFTA

You may license your vehicles through Nevada if:

- You are a Nevada-based *interstate* motor carrier.
- You keep operational control and records for your vehicles in Nevada or can make your records available.
- You operate IFTA-qualified motor vehicles. These do not include recreational vehicles.

When a carrier's application with IFTA has been approved, the base state assigns the fleet an account number and issues the carrier an IFTA license. A copy of the license is to be carried in the cab of each vehicle in the fleet and serves as the IFTA cab card. The base state also issues an external fuel decal. The IFTA decal is reissued annually. Each vehicle is required to display one IFTA decal on each side of the power unit.



For more details about or applications for an IFTA license, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 ext. 2, the DMV web site at www.dmvnv.com/mchome.html, or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

Interstate Operating Authority

U.S. DOT Number

Interstate commercial motor vehicles are required to have a U.S. Department of Transportation identification number. The number gives the motor carrier the authority to operate in *interstate* commerce.

The carrier applies for the number through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA). The number is for more than just identification. The information entered on the application is used to track safety performance, to assess nationwide safety trends, and to evaluate effectiveness of federal motor-carrier programs.

Motor Carrier Number (old I.C.C. number)

With the closing of the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) in January 1996, the licensing and insurance responsibilities were transferred to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration. Only for-hire motor carriers who wish to operate in interstate commerce are required to have a motor-carrier number along with the U.S. DOT number.

Contacts

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) division office in Nevada can provide assistance with applications for required U.S. DOT and motor carrier numbers. Contact the FMCSA at:

Federal Motor Carrier Administration
705 North Plaza St., Suite 220
Carson City, Nevada 89701
(775) 687-5335
(775) 687-3803 fax
www.fmcsa.dot.gov

For further information or for the status of your application or authority, please contact the FMCSA office at (202) 358-7028 or 7029. You may also visit additional web pages at <http://fhwa-li.volpe.dot.gov>.

Additional Credentials Required at Registration

- Proof of Heavy Vehicle Use Tax (HVUT) payment to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS Form 2290)
- Proof of vehicle ownership

Heavy-Vehicle Use Tax

Federal law requires owners of vehicles with a gross vehicle weight of 55,000 pounds or more to produce proof of payment of the Federal Heavy Vehicle Use Tax before issuance of registration plates or renewal stickers. Federal, state, and local government vehicles are exempt from this law.

For more information, call your local Internal Revenue Service office.

Proof of Vehicle Ownership

Either a bill of sale or title must accompany the driver, regardless of whether the driver is the owner or not.

Special Credentials That May Be Required

- Hazardous-Materials Permit*
- Trip Permit(s)*
 - Temporary Registration
 - Temporary Special-Fuel Use
- Oversize and Overweight Permits
 - Reducible-Load Permit*
 - Non-Reducible-Load Permit*
- Flashing Amber-Light Permit*
- Operating Authority
 - Transportation Services Authority (TSA)
 - Written Authorization from DMV

*See Chapter I: Permits, for more information.

Intrastate Operating Authority

Transportation Services Authority (TSA)

Nevada requires operating authority for certain *intrastate* carriers. The Transportation Services Authority (TSA) administers and enforces state laws pertaining to the following situations:

- For-hire *intrastate* operators of any motor vehicle transporting passengers
- Carriers of household goods
- Tow-car operators

For more information, contact the following offices or website:

Transportation Services Authority
2290 South Jones Blvd., Suite 110
Las Vegas, NV 89146
(702) 486-3303

Northern Nevada Field Office (Sparks, NV)
(775) 688-2833.

www.state.nv.us/b&i/tsa/

Written Authorization from DMV

Intrastate operators of any motor vehicle transporting property for hire must secure written authorization from the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division of DMV. For information, call (775) 684-4711, access the DMV website at www.dmvnv.com, or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

Other Important Information

Dyed-Fuel Enforcement

Fuel intended for non-highway use, including that for farm and mining equipment, is dyed red to indicate that it is exempt from state and federal taxes. Except where expressly permitted under Nevada law, it is illegal to use dyed fuel on the highway, and thus avoid paying these taxes.

The Nevada Highway Patrol (NHP) and the Compliance Enforcement Division Heavy Duty Diesel Enforcement Officers are empowered to stop and inspect motor carriers who are using or transporting special fuel to determine if all taxes have been paid. Violators will be fined according to Nevada law.

For more details about Nevada's dyed fuel laws and fines, contact the Motor Carrier Section of the Compliance Enforcement Division at (775) 684-4711 Ext. 2, the Compliance Enforcement Division Heavy Duty Diesel Enforcement section at (775) 684-3562 (northern Nevada) or (702) 486-8626 (southern Nevada), the DMV website at www.dmvnv.com, or visit one of the DMV offices listed on page 2.

Traffic Restrictions on Hoover Dam

Currently all Commercial Motor Vehicles are prohibited from traveling on U.S. 93 across Hoover Dam with the following exceptions:

- Vehicles used by local businesses operating within 75 miles of Hoover Dam who meet a specific set of requirements and have a special permit. These vehicles will only be allowed to cross during daylight hours.
- Commercial passenger buses **not carrying luggage**. Buses will be searched before being allowed to cross.

Be aware that a vehicle may not be allowed to proceed should an officer consider the vehicle to be a threat, regardless of whether it meets any of the above conditions.

All other commercial traffic should use Highway 95 through Laughlin, Nevada. For more information contact the Lower Colorado Region of the Bureau of Reclamation at (702) 293-8421 or check the Hoover Dam Traffic Information

page at www.usbr.gov/lc/hoooverdam/. Check the restrictions often, as special circumstances may cause them to change temporarily.

Vehicle Identification

All *interstate* vehicles, and *intrastate* vehicles more than 10,000 pounds, must have proper identification and must have the operator's name firmly attached to each side of the power unit. Any removable sign or placard borne by an *interstate* carrier must be made of a durable material and must be readily legible from a distance of 50 feet.

Interstate motor carriers must display their U.S. DOT identification number issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA).

Emission Control

Nevada currently has a heavy-vehicle, diesel-emission inspection program for vehicles weighing more than 10,000 pounds. These vehicles may be tested randomly on the highway, at checkpoints or voluntarily at fleet locations. All commercial vehicles operating in Nevada are subject to this test. No initial emission-control certificate is required.

For additional information, please contact the Emission Control office of the DMV's Compliance Enforcement Division in northern Nevada at (775) 684-3561 or in southern Nevada at (702) 486-8626.

